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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES TO STUDY THE ISSUES RELATED
12 TO INCORPORATING A CITY ON THE WEST SIDE OF ALBUQUERQUE.

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14 WHEREAS, residents of the city of Albuquerque and those
15 portions of unincorporated Bernalillo county who live in what
16 is generally known as the "west side" of Albuquerque have
17 expressed an overwhelming desire to incorporate into a city
18 separate from Albuquerque so that they might enjoy self-
19 governance and self-determination; and

20 WHEREAS, those residents also seek to provide themselves
21 with better public services and infrastructure, such as
22 transportation systems and public safety programs; and

23 WHEREAS, the strong public demand to allow the residents
24 on the west side of Albuquerque to consider forming their own
25 city will mean that the issue will be debated during the 2005

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1 legislative session;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and
4 administration, the taxation and revenue department, the bureau
5 of business and economic research of the university of New
6 Mexico and the legislative finance committee be requested to
7 separately examine the various issues within their respective
8 areas of jurisdiction and expertise surrounding incorporation
9 of a city on the west side of Albuquerque, including areas
10 currently within Albuquerque, and that each prepare a report by
11 October 1, 2004 for the use of the first session of the forty-
12 seventh legislature on their findings, including the methods
13 available to effectuate self-governance, the logistics of
14 equitably dividing assets and liabilities and other issues
15 relevant to the legislature's consideration of allowing west
16 side residents to determine their own destiny; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretaries of finance and administration
19 and taxation and revenue, the director of the legislative
20 finance committee and the director of the bureau of business
21 and economic research at the university of New Mexico.

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